REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

2021 The 12th Man

Chardonnay

In Review, Tony Love - MAY 2022

"Though based in and associated mostly with its McLaren Vale red portfolio, Wirra Wirra – like many in the district – brings in plenty of fruit from the neighbouring Adelaide Hills region for its whites. This, from vineyards in Lenswood, Piccadilly and Lobethal, shows why. The wine is vibrant and filled with positive energy, delicious sub-tropical fruit salad flavours with a lively lime-like tang. While 30% new French oak is factored into the winemaking, those barrels sit right back out of the way so their real impact is more about texture and mouth-feel, finely mineralled and chalky with excellent balance and finish. Most appealing."

The Real Review, Huon Hooke - APRIL 2022

93 POINTS

"Light, bright yellow hue. Creamy lees and subtle smoky, matchstick reduction, the palate rich and generous, while still youthfully reserved, but has real intensity and drive. Acidity underlines the bright fruit that persists long on the aftertaste. A fine, poised, precise chardonnay at a nice price."

The Wine Front, Campbell Mattinson- MARCH 2022

92 POINTS

"Well this is a nice wine to drink. Better than nice. It's complex and quality but it feels effortless, and it's the ease that really makes it a pleasure to sit with. It tastes of nectarine, pear, orange, apple and chalk, in fruit-derived terms, though there's cedarwood and a kind of sweet sawdust note too. It sings, really. There's a gently-jellied, fruit-sweet aspect and it works beautifully with the wine's citrussy cut. One sip and I was all ears, so to speak. It's a very good Adelaide Hills chardonnay."